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"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 Strike sections 5, 12 and 13 in their entirety and renumber the
2 remaining sections and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (f) of section 10-145d of the general statutes is
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
7 *passage*):

8 (f) An endorsement issued prior to July 1, 2013, to teach elementary
9 education grades one to six, inclusive, shall be valid for grades
10 kindergarten to six, inclusive, and for such an endorsement issued on
11 or after July 1, 2013, the endorsement shall be valid for grades one to
12 six, inclusive, except such an endorsement issued between July 1, 2013,

13 and July 1, 2017, to any student who was admitted to and successfully
14 completes a teacher preparation program, as defined in section 10-10a,
15 in the certification endorsement area of elementary education on or
16 before [the start of the fall semester of 2012, and successfully completes
17 such program] June 30, 2017, shall be valid for grades kindergarten to
18 six, inclusive. An endorsement to teach comprehensive special
19 education grades one to twelve, inclusive, shall be valid for grades
20 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, provided, on and after July 1, 2013,
21 any certified employee with such comprehensive special education
22 endorsement achieves a satisfactory score on the reading instruction
23 examination approved by the State Board of Education on April 1,
24 2009.

25 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Education
26 shall conduct a study of alternative school programs offered by local
27 and regional boards of education. Such study shall include (1) an
28 examination of alternative school programs, including, but not limited
29 to, (A) enrollment and discharge criteria, including methods to obtain
30 parental consent, (B) enrollment data by gender, race and ethnicity, (C)
31 the curriculum offered, (D) the length of the school day and school
32 year, (E) attendance rates, (F) truancy rates, (G) graduation rates, and
33 (H) student academic performance, (2) an evaluation of each such
34 alternative school program that measures the effectiveness of such
35 alternative school program in meeting the needs of students enrolled
36 in such alternative school program, and (3) a statement on the degree
37 to which each such alternative school program complies with sections
38 10-15, 10-16 and 10-16b of the general statutes. Each local or regional
39 board of education that offers an alternative school program shall
40 provide the department all information relating to such alternative
41 school program for purposes of such study. For purposes of this
42 section, "alternative school program" includes, but is not limited to, (A)
43 alternative school programs, pursuant to section 10-220 of the general
44 statutes, (B) alternative educational opportunities, pursuant to sections
45 10-19m, 10-69 and 10-233d of the general statutes, (C) alternative
46 programs, pursuant to sections 10-4p, 10-263c and 10-266q of the

47 general statutes, (D) alternative schools, pursuant to section 10-94e of
48 the general statutes, (E) alternative high schools, pursuant to sections
49 10-220d and 10-223h of the general statutes, and (F) alternative schools
50 or programs operated by a local or regional boards of education in
51 which struggling or at-risk students are educated separately from the
52 students enrolled in the general education program provided by such
53 boards of education.

54 (b) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Department of Education
55 shall submit a report on the study of alternative school programs,
56 conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the joint
57 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
58 matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of
59 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include such
60 study, and recommendations for legislation, including, but not limited
61 to (1) a definition of alternative school programs, (2) enrollment
62 requirements, (3) length of school day and school year, (4) curriculum
63 requirements, (5) graduation requirements, and (6) continuous
64 evaluation and oversight of alternative school programs.

65 Sec. 503. Section 10-151c of the general statutes is repealed and the
66 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

67 Any records maintained or kept on file by the Department of
68 Education or any local or regional board of education [which] that are
69 records of teacher performance and evaluation shall not be deemed to
70 be public records and shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1-
71 210, provided that any teacher may consent in writing to the release of
72 such teacher's records by the department or a board of education. Such
73 consent shall be required for each request for a release of such records.
74 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, records
75 maintained or kept on file by the Department of Education or any local
76 or regional board of education [which] that are records of the personal
77 misconduct of a teacher shall be deemed to be public records and shall
78 be subject to disclosure pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of
79 section 1-210. Disclosure of such records of a teacher's personal

80 misconduct shall not require the consent of the teacher. For the
81 purposes of this section, "teacher" includes each certified professional
82 employee below the rank of superintendent employed by a board of
83 education in a position requiring a certificate issued by the State Board
84 of Education.

85 Sec. 504. Section 10-145p of the general statutes is repealed and the
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

87 (a) The Department of Education shall review and approve
88 proposals for alternate route to certification programs for school
89 administrators. In order to be approved, a proposal shall provide that
90 the alternative route to certification program (1) be provided by a
91 public or independent institution of higher education, a local or
92 regional board of education, a regional educational service center or a
93 private, nonprofit teacher or administrator training organization
94 approved by the State Board of Education; (2) accept only those
95 participants who (A) hold a bachelor's degree from an institution of
96 higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
97 Education or State Board of Education or regionally accredited, (B)
98 have at least forty school months teaching experience, of which at least
99 ten school months are in a position requiring certification at a public
100 school, in this state or another state, and (C) are recommended by the
101 immediate supervisor or district administrator of such person on the
102 basis of such person's performance; (3) require each participant to (A)
103 complete a one-year residency that requires such person to serve (i) in
104 a position requiring an intermediate administrator or supervisor
105 endorsement, and (ii) in a full-time position for ten school months at a
106 local or regional board of education in the state under the supervision
107 of (I) a certified administrator, and (II) a supervisor from an institution
108 or organization described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, or (B)
109 have ten school months experience in a full-time position as an
110 administrator in a public or nonpublic school in another state that is
111 approved by the appropriate state board of education in such other
112 state; and (4) meet such other criteria as the department requires.

113 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-
114 145b, on and after July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education, upon
115 receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial educator certificate
116 in the certification endorsement area of administration and
117 supervision, which shall be valid for three years, to any person who (1)
118 successfully completed the alternate route to certification program for
119 administrators and superintendents pursuant to this section, and (2)
120 meets the requirements established in subsection (b) of section 10-145f.

121 (c) Notwithstanding any regulation adopted by the State Board of
122 Education pursuant to section 10-145b, any person who successfully
123 completed the alternate route to certification program for
124 administrators pursuant to this section and was issued an initial
125 educator certificate in the endorsement area of administration and
126 supervision shall obtain a master's degree not later than five years after
127 such person was issued such initial educator certificate. If such person
128 does not obtain a master's degree in such time period, such person
129 shall not be eligible for a professional educator certificate.

130 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of
131 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, any entity described in
132 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section that administers an
133 alternate route to certification program for school administrators,
134 approved by the Department of Education under this section, shall
135 permit any person who has provided service to a local or regional
136 board of education in a supervisory or managerial role for at least forty
137 school months and held a professional educator certificate for at least
138 ten school months during such forty school months, to participate in
139 such alternate route to certification program for school administrators,
140 provided such person holds a bachelor's degree from an institution of
141 higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
142 Education or State Board of Education or regionally accredited and is
143 recommended by the immediate supervisor or district administrator of
144 such person on the basis of such person's performance."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	10-145d(f)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	10-151c
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	10-145p